

RCAB Office of Risk Management
RISK ALERT
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RE: Coastal Flood & High Wind Watch

December 21, 2022

The National Weather Service issued a Coastal Flood Watch in effect from late Thursday night through Friday afternoon for portions of eastern, northeastern and southeastern Massachusetts and northern and southern Rhode Island. One to two feet of inundation above ground level is possible in low-lying areas near shorelines and tidal waterways.

In addition, a High Wind Watch was issued from Friday morning through Saturday morning. South winds 25 to 35 mph with gusts up to 65 mph are possible in portions of eastern, northeastern and southeastern Massachusetts. Damaging winds could blow down trees and power lines. Widespread power outages are possible. Travel could be difficult, especially for high profile vehicles.

At this time, we urge you to make the following preliminary preparations:

- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage to people/property.
- Use caution when driving, especially if operating a high-profile vehicle.
- Some trees in our area may be more susceptible to wind damage. **Immediately inspect trees and bushes. Remove dead or rotting branches that could fall and cause injury or damage.**
- **Closely monitor NOAA weather radio** or other local news outlets for official weather information and changes to the forecast.
- **Be prepared for potential power outages** as gusty winds could knock out power lines.
- Have an emergency supply kit on hand, including water, flashlight, extra batteries, a first aid kit and non-perishable food.

Reporting a Claim

If you experience property damage or injury as a result of the storm, report the claim immediately. Contact Alicia Gray at 781-664-3990, alicia_gray@rcab.org or go to <https://rcabrisk.org/property-claim-report/>